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- 1. US CUSTOMS TEAM WILL REPRESENT THAT ELEMENT OF US CUSTOMS WHICH HAS INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION ON ALL IMPORTS, EXPORTS, AND CONTRABAND ENTERING OR LEAVING THE US. THIS INCLUDES TRACING OF MONIES INVOLVED IN SUCH MATTERS.
- 2. WHILE DOMINANT INTEREST IS TO PERFECT A RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA UNDER FOURTH RECOMMENDATION OF CCC, THAT IS, EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE ON NARCOTICS, WE ALSO PREPARED TO DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS ONE, TWO, AND THREE, WHICH DEAL CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON COMMERCIAL CRIMES, DESPITE THE FACT THAT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE INDIA HAS NOT AS YET ADOPTED THESE RESOLUTIONS. WE HAVE ALREADY WORKED COOPERATIVELY WITH GOI ON SUCH MATTERS. THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE "BIRLA GROUP" BEING A CASE IN POINT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

- 3. IN RESPONSE TO REF E WE WOULD PREFER TO DEDICATE APRIL 2 TO IN- HOUSE DISCUSSION WITH MISSION NARCOTIC COORDINATOR AND OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS. FEEL THAT FIN ATTACHE COULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN ASCERTAINING OTHER RELEVANT SUBJECTS INDIANS LIKELY TO RAISE FOR DISCUSSION. AS TO DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI WE FEEL THAT THREE DAYS AT GWALIOR WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. OUR INPUTS WILL CONSIST OF A BODY OF INTELLIGENCE RELATING TO NARCOTICS SMUGGLED INTO US FROM AND THRU INDIA. WE ARE PREPARED TO SEE GOI INTRODUCE A NUMBER OF TOPICS IN THEIR INTEREST BUT WE CANNOT ANTICIPATE THEM EXACTLY.
- 4. SOME DIFFICULTY HAS ARISEN REGARDING ARRIVAL ON APRIL 2. THIS STILL POSSIBLE, BUT PREFERENCE IS NOW FOR APRIL 9. IF THIS PRESENTS NO GREAT PROBLEM TO GOI, ADVISE AND WE WILL RESCHEDULE TO APRIL 9 DATE. ROGERS

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